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SCOTTISH LETTER

WHY DUKE OF YORK WAS NOT
DUKE OF ANNANDALE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, December 5th. When the King decided that the Duke of York ought to be given a Scottish Peerage it was intended first of all that he should become known as Duke of Annandale, a Dumfriesshire district, which has figured largely in the chequered portions of Scotland's history. But for a reason which was not then made public this choice was suddenly abandoned. It was announced that the Scottish title of the King's second son would be Duke of Inverness. The reason has now been made public. There is another claimant to the Annandale title, the Rev. J. A. D. J. Macdonald, of Arisaig and Moldart. At one time he was a Wesleyan minister in Leith, but afterwards joined the Church of Scotland, and for seven years ministered in Calcutta to the Scotchmen employed in the tea mills. Mr. Macdonald's brother was Dr. Roderick Macdonald, the famous medical missionary at Wuchow; the Chinese Treaty Port. Dr. Macdonald was one of the pioneering forces of the little town, and for nine years he remained there working assiduously. In the summer of 1906 he set out for a Synod meeting in Canton, but the ship, the *Sai Nam*, was attacked by pirates, and Dr. Macdonald was shot dead while attending to the wounded Captain.

There are extremists, if not directly affiliated with Socialism, at any rate, acting as a tail, who seem determined to suppress free speech in Britain, as the Bolsheviks have done in Russia. They are conducting a campaign of organised hooliganism in various constituencies throughout the country, particularly where Socialist seats are being contested. They are resolved apparently to prevent the other side from getting a fair hearing, or, indeed, any hearing at all. The Clyde area, which has attained an unsavory reputation for revolutionary manifestations, is the centre of the trouble in Scotland. The "wild men" from Glasgow who sat in the late Parliament as representatives of the extreme brand of Socialism, set a bad example to their followers. In contrast there is a striking absence of unseemly interruptions at Socialist meetings. Dundee and the Central Division of Edinburgh have also provided some bad Socialist riots at election meetings. Masquerading under the flag of revolutionary Socialism, gangs of youthful hooligans, many of whom have no vote, are ready to put their predatory principles into immediate practice by picking the pockets of those they jostle. A contemptible action of this kind was the stealing from Mr. Tennant, the Liberal candidate for Central Glasgow, of a valuable watch and chain to which personal "keepsakes" were attached. Much more disgraceful was the assault on the lady Unionist candidate in the St. Rollox Division, Miss Robertson, who was kicked and is now confined to bed owing to her injuries and the resulting shock. Mr. McDonald, who is contesting the Trades Union Division in the Liberal interest, left a noisy meeting to discover that the tyres of his motor car had been cut. These are samples of Glasgow rowdiness. At Paisley Mr. Asquith has not been exempt from the attentions of these organised gangs. They are giving the electors, as Sir Robert Horne retorted at a stormy meeting in Central Glasgow, a foretaste of "the alternative Government." The rowdies require to be taught a salutary lesson.

MR. BALDWIN—AN IMPRESSION.

There was no lack of cordiality in the reception given to the Prime Minister when he visited Glasgow. His personal qualities indeed command an esteem which is by no means confined to the members of his own party, and his courage, sincerity, and profound sympathy with the "distress created by our industrial difficulties" as it is already called, naturally created a strong impression upon the Clyde-side audience; but that, in these swift passing days, is already ancient history. What, perhaps, will be of more interest to the reader is to tell how the P.M. struck the average Glasgow men. The impression was that, of all the leading politicians who have spoken in the City, none have been so jaunty as this genial little man who has set out to storm the citadel of Free Trade. His manner, indeed, seemed to surprise his friendly audience. He was somewhat nervous at the start, he punctuated the chairman's remarks by tearing apart the typewriter of his manuscript. He danced a little, too, as he fired off his deliberately slow and audible sentences. He reads, but not slavishly, and can go on without his MS. for minutes at a time. One would class him as a polished essayist who can read his stuff effectively. His hands are of no use to him; they never jut out towards the rising sun or the mountain tops, or any other rhetorical vision; they just drop from the desk occasionally to the side-seam of the trousers, and periodically come to rest on the hips. As he warms up they are used to tap the table to emphasise points. When the meeting "scattered," one of his audience evidently a shipworker, was heard remarking to a companion, "A gude man that and strong; but—but a new kind of Prime Minister altogether!"

THE LOCAL VETO POLLS.

The General Election has quite naturally dulled the public interest in the Local Veto polls which are being taken in Scotland. Indeed at the present time only the Trade on the one side and the temperance partizan on the other seem to be taking much interest in the local plebiscites. The great mass of moderate citizens are engrossed with the more important struggle over Protection versus Free Trade. The Local Veto polls are spread over several weeks, and will not be finished until the middle of December; but so far as they have gone it is

evident that opinion has not changed much since the last polls in 1920. The No Licence—that is, the Prohibition party—have made no progress. There are three options, I may remind you—No Licence, Limitation, and No Change. Up to date 117 areas have voted, and in 101 of these "No Change" has been carried. In 4 areas "No Licence" has been continued, while in 2 it has been discontinued. Limitation has been continued in 3 areas and repealed in 1, while in 2 it has been carried for the first time. Thus on a balance the Prohibition party have definitely lost ground. There are only 4 dry areas where there were 6 formerly, and 5 limitation areas where there were also 6 formerly. It is possible that the later results will alter the proportion of losses, but there can be no expectation that the final result will show any extension of the dry or limitation districts. The aggregate voting leads to much the same conclusion.

A FAMOUS LAWYER.

Lord Loreburn, who is to be buried in Scotland—the land of his fathers, though he himself was born in Corfu—was a man of great independence. This characteristic brought him periods of unpopularity, but there was something very likeable about him; and these antagonisms were never lasting. He was "Bob Reid" to every one, and in the Dumfriess Burghs, which he represented in Parliament for many years, he was positively adored by his Radical constituents. The strength of his character lay in his unswerving belief in his own judgment, and neither the representations of his friends nor the thunderings of his enemies could move him from the path he chose as right. A man of great physical energy, he was a striking figure, with a strong, determined face and a vigorous frame. Like the Prime Minister and the late Mr. Bonar Law, he was an inveterate pipe-smoker. Once he pulled his briar—small and not too wholesome-looking article—from his pocket with a bundle of papers in the house of Lords. But the fact that he was on the Woolsack at the time did not prevent him making a dive to recover his treasure. Never did a man retire more reluctantly from the scenes of his busy life than did Lord Loreburn when the burden of years interrupted his appearances in the Lords. In his own words, there was "nothing the matter with me but old age."

THE HAGGIS.

The haggis is again in season. St. Andrew's Day dinners demand the dish, and during the last few weeks a large number of the precious national dainties have been shipped abroad. Indeed the haggis almost requires a special heading in Board of Trade returns under "exports." By the way, it may surprise many people to know that the name "haggis" is not Scottish, but is a corruption of the French "hachis," a hash.

Probably you would not see the scurrying reference to the dish made by an Englishman in a letter to the *Sunday Times*. Discussing the typical British dinner, he adds—"As for haggis, it is made from a part of the carcass that is rejected even by the Scotsman and the haggis. Such stuff would be tolerated on an English dinner table." A scandalous insult like this almost makes the patriotic Scot spit blood.

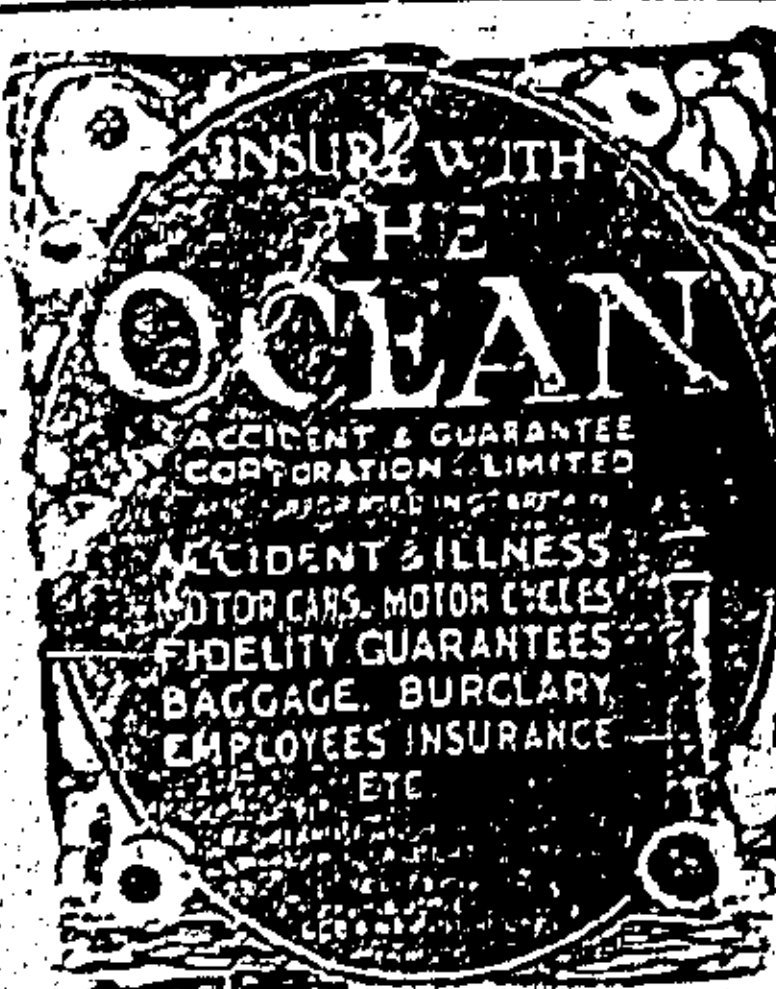
SINGED SHEEP'S HEAD.

Do the St. Andrew's Societies overseas keep up the custom of serving a course of singed sheep's head? It is quite as much a national dish as the haggis. The exact connection between Scotland's patron saint and a singed sheep's head is not exactly known. Possibly it has something to do with the Golden Fleece, the Order of which was instituted by Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy and Brabant, in Honour of the Cross of St. Andrew, a part of which was said to have been carried to Brussels. Brand asserts that "singed sheep's heads were formerly borne in the procession before the Scots in London on St. Andrew's Day." There is an old-time habit still honoured of the citizens of Edinburgh proceeding to the neighbouring village of Duddingston to make of the singed sheep's head, boiled or baked, for which that place has long been justly famous. The Sheep's Head Inn there is probably the oldest public-house of the kind in Scotland.

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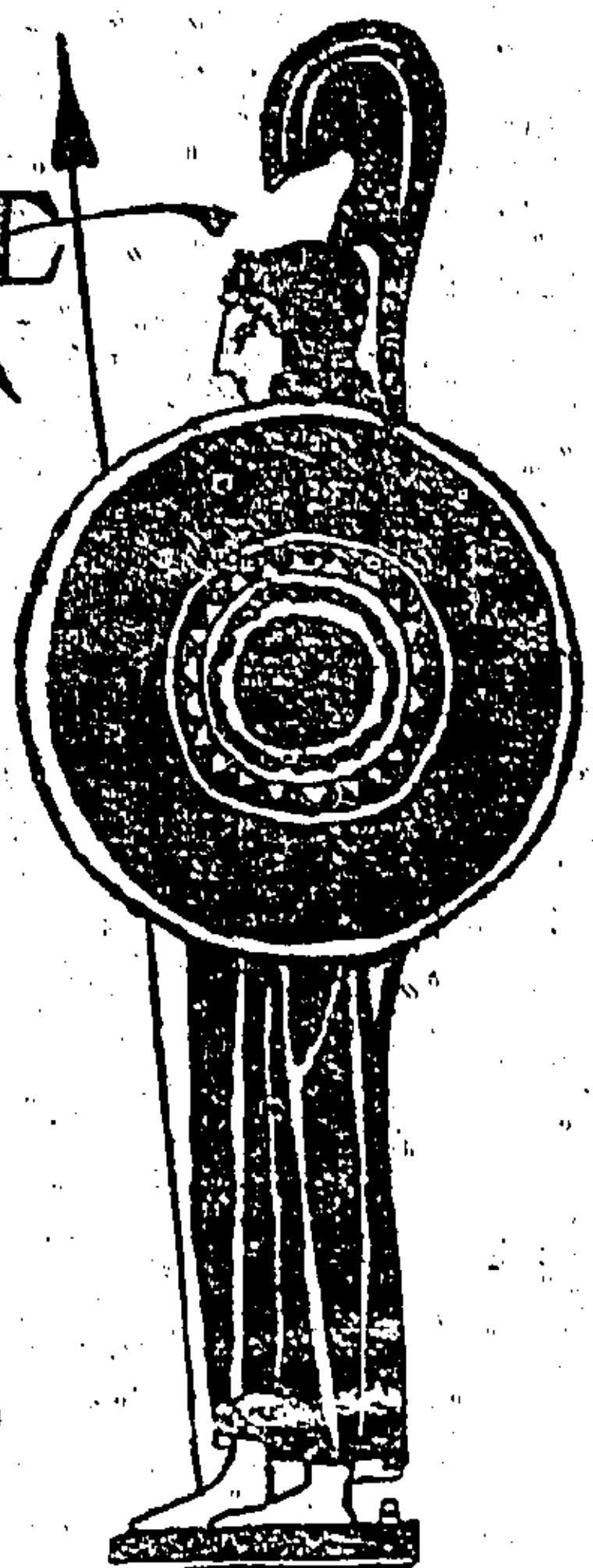
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The tenth British Industries Fair concerning which a large advertisement appeared in our yesterday's issue promises to be yet one more success in a record of successes. To meet the convenience of buyers from the British Dominions and all parts of the world, the 1924 Fair will be held in May to enable visitors to the Fair to combine pleasure and education with business, by seeing the great British Empire Exhibition, which will, also by that date, be open in London.

The opportunity for the Overseas visitor will consequently be exceptional. His visit to England will be at a time when the country is in its most beautiful array, and when the English climate is normally at its best. He will be able to make his survey of the goods of Britain's most enterprising manufacturers at the Fair at the White City, London, and at Birmingham, and then see at his leisure the wonders of the British Empire Exhibition, the greatest exhibition ever held, where he can review the output in art, science, industry and raw materials of the whole British Empire.

To make matters still easier for him, it has been arranged that the London and Birmingham sections of the Fair shall follow each other with only a week-end intervening. This arrangement, while keeping the period of the Fair within reasonable limits for the exhibitors, will allow the buyers to spend what-over time he wishes, from one day to a month, in the Fair. It will enable him to visit both centres with ample time at his disposal in which to select his lines, place his orders, and settle all business details in comfort, before turning to the educational and pleasure side of his visit.

It is hardly necessary at this stage in the history of the British Industries Fair to give a detailed description of its origin, a gain which has in past years earned unstinted admiration from visitors from all parts of the world. The strict segregation of the exhibiting trades into clearly defined sections at each centre of the Fair enables the prospective buyer to inspect the particular line or lines with which he is concerned in the minimum of time and with the maximum of comfort. The fact that admission to the Fair buildings is limited to personal invitation to the bona fide trade buyer further contributes to the desirable end that the Fair shall be "A Business Market for Business Men."

The extraordinary growth of the British Industries Fair, both in size and prestige, is well illustrated by the fact that it has occupied in the past and will occupy in the future. As growing from small beginnings, it filled in 1923, the Crystal Palace, the largest single exhibition building in the world. From the Crystal Palace it was obliged to move to the famous White City, its home for this year, to occupy a great range of halls and galleries, until now one of the largest exhibition areas in Europe. But though able to house the British Industries Fair of 1923, 1922 and 1923, the White City is far short in area of the enormous halls and palaces now in course of erection to become eventually the home of this ever-growing Fair. Some conception of the space which will be available may be gathered from the fact that the actual halls in which the British Industries Fair of 1923 will be held cover no less than 20 acres of ground. This is about twelve times the area of Trafalgar Square, more than three times that of Madison Square, New York City, and nearly twice that of the Place de la Concorde, in Paris.

The British Industries Fair of 1924 in London is being organised by the Department of Overseas Trade, and will be open from April 28th to May 9th. In Birmingham it is organised by the Municipality and Chamber of Commerce, and will be open from May 12th to 23rd.

THERE IS NO RUSSIA.

MOSCOW DISOWNS THE NAME.

There is no Russia. A strange statement but true, Russia has officially ceased to exist as a name in the mouths of those who now control the destinies of that country.

About three months ago they took a decision which has remained strangely secret. They notified the various nations that with whom they have trade relations that the title of their Government was changed from that of the Russian Soviet Republic to the "Union of Socialist Soviet Republics." The word "Russia" was dropped completely.

At the same time the emblems upon their official notepaper, the crossed hammer and sickle, were now surrounded by a semicircle of labels bearing the names of the various parts of the country and its adjacent territories, wherein "independent" local Soviet governments have been formed, such as "Ukraine," "Azerbaijan," and so on. But not only these, but the name "Bulgaria" was astonishingly added, the name of an entirely independent State!

MASTERS OF EVERYWHERE. From this it is clear that their Pagan Majesties in Moscow regard themselves as potentially the masters of everywhere, and not at all limited by the boundaries of Russia. Needless to say the British Government in its dealings with the Soviet Government has never accepted or used this predatory title.

The matter is of some importance, as undoubtedly we are on the verge of renewing relations with Russia officially. The Liberal Party has made it a plank, or at the least a small board, in its election platform. The Conservative Government has had the matter under consideration for some time past, and was disposed to recognise the Soviet Government, but with this major difference, that it would only do so after the Russians had recognised the principle of self-determining nations, and had agreed to reinstate or compensate British subjects in their Russian property.—Daily Mail.

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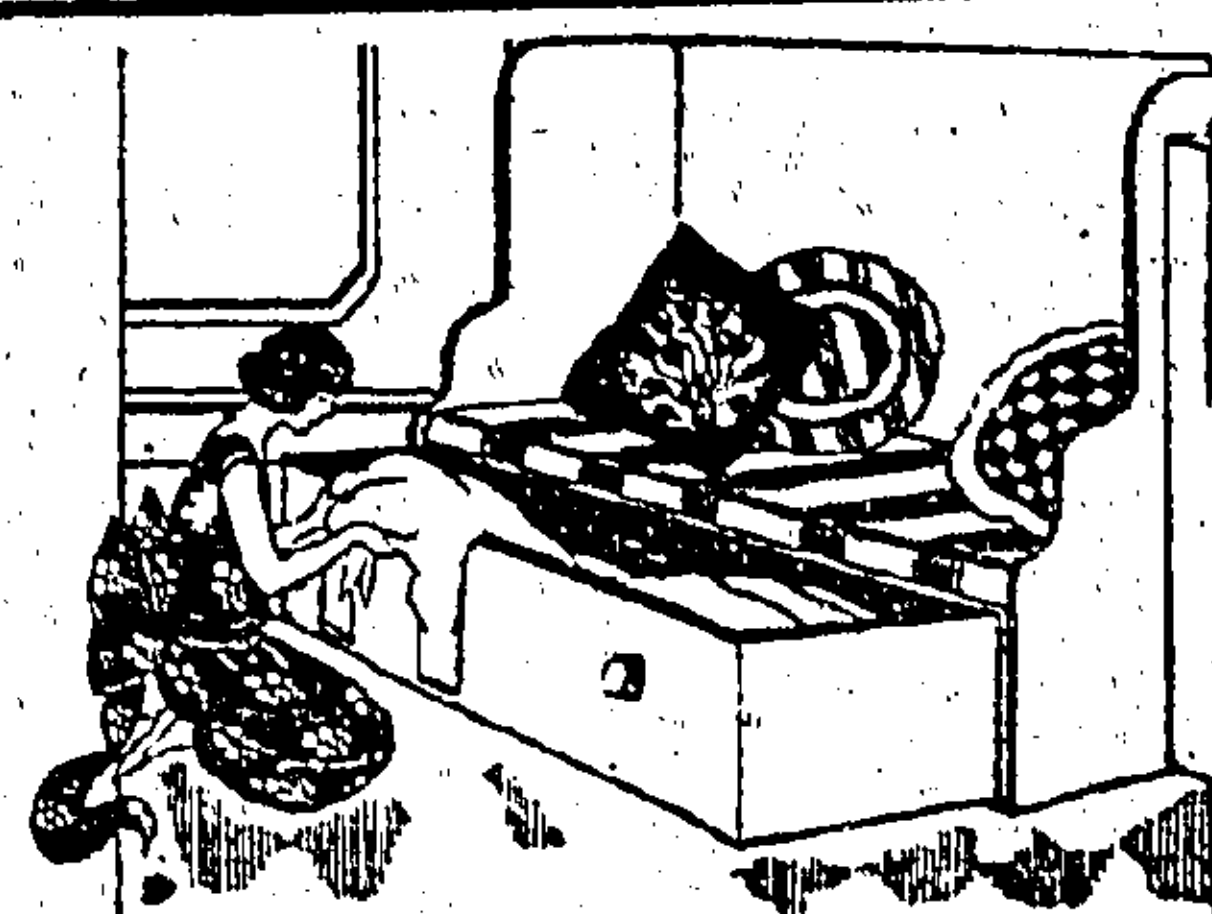
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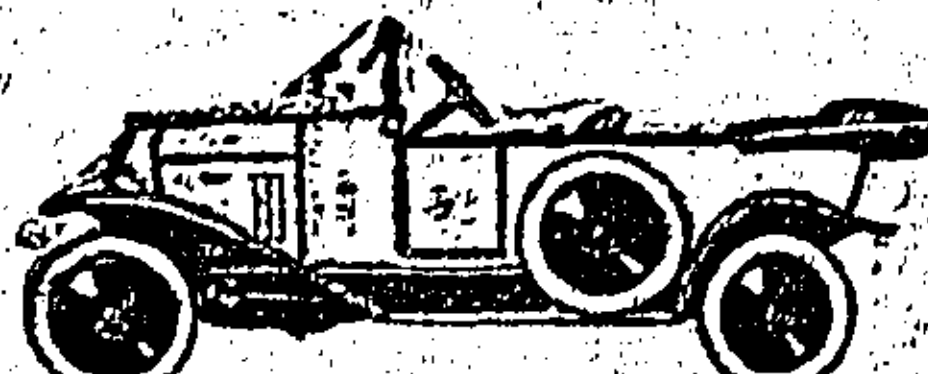
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BIG ROBBERY OF BONDS AT SHANGHAI.

FOUR CHINESE SENTENCED TO DEATH.

POLICE'S MAGNIFICENT WORK.

SCANDALOUS LETTER FROM CHINESE CHAMBER.

Four Chinese charged with the sensational highway robbery in Ningpo Road on November 20th last, when a Chinese youth was robbed of \$300,000 worth of Chinese Government Internal Loan Bearer Bonds, were sentenced at Shanghai last week at the Mixed Court to be sent to the Arsenal for execution.

From the full text of the judgment we take the following:—

This is in many ways an extraordinary case.

On November 20th last the Tung Yih Trust Co. sent \$300,000 worth of Chinese Government Internal Loan Bearer Bonds from the China Merchants' Stock Exchange in Hankow Road to the Tung Yih Trust Co.'s premises in Peking Road in charge of an employee, Koo Tsou-pong, aged 18, whose salary is \$3 a month. No precautions whatever were taken and no note was even taken of the numbers of the Bearer Bonds before they left the China Merchants' Stock Exchange. The employee Koo went in a private ricksha belonging to the Tung Yih Trust Co. pulled by Tsang Ah-sun, the first accused, who had conspired with Zee Tze-kuei, the second accused, to rob the ricksha. The third accused, Tsang Ah-foh, the third and fourth accused, and with others not in custody, to rob the contents of the leather wallet in which the bonds were carried and which, they state, they believed to contain opium in transit.

This was done without difficulty. The Chinese passer-by seems constitutionally averse from interfering to prevent robbery and in fact such interference is often dangerous. The robbers appear not to have been armed in this case, but in many cases of robbery in the past few months robbers have been in possession of firearms and have not hesitated to use them. The robbers in this case had chosen the route of the robbery at a place adjoining an alleyway and got clear away up the alleyway with their booty.

The assistant manager of the Tung Yih Trust Co. reported the loss to the Central Police Station at 10.45 a.m. on the same day and within 24 hours the police had recovered 375 of the 500 bonds.

UNEXAMPLED EFFICIENCY OF POLICE.

Mr. Maitland, prosecuting counsel, has stated that he doubts whether this performance could be equalled by any other police force in China. The Magistrate and I consider it a wonderful testimony to the efficiency of the police force and take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of their work, of which this is only one example which has been brought to our notice in the past few months. It seems to me remarkable that this appreciation is not shared by the Chinese Bankers' Union and the Native Bankers' Association, who held a meeting on December 24th and came to the conclusion that in order to safeguard the tranquillity of the Settlement, precautions should be taken by the Shanghai Municipal Council to diminish the chance of robbery. I must admit that I am unable to see how the Council can do more than they do to protect native bankers from the results of their own gross negligence in failing to take any precautions whatever in conveying valuables through the streets.

I should not have referred to this, but that as a result of this meeting a letter was addressed to this Court by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce urging that the robbers caught in connection with this case and the case of robbery of funds of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway Company be handed over to the Chinese Authorities in order to frighten other robbers.

This Court, as is well known, only hands over Chinese convicts in cases where it is of opinion that the death penalty should be inflicted, and it only does so after a careful trial in which the prisoners hear all the evidence against them and have the opportunity of calling evidence on their own behalf and pleading before the Court all circumstances which can be urged on their own behalf.

ATTEMPTS TO SUBVERT JUSTICE.

The attempt by such a letter as this to prejudice the trial of the 10 suspects who were arrested by the police in connection with this robbery is a criminal attempt to interfere with the free and impartial administration of justice by this Court, and Mr. Maitland has very properly requested that the letter be handed to him in order that the guilty parties should be brought up on a charge of contempt of Court. I regret to say that this is not the only case in which similar attempts have been made to influence the decision of this Court and that letters have been addressed to this Court by the same parties on behalf of influential litigants in civil cases. Assurances have been given that the practice will cease and in view of the fact that the practice appears to be tolerated by certain other Chinese Courts in spite of the theoretically independent status of the modern Courts in China no proceedings are ordered to be taken against the offenders in this case. But any similar offences in future will be dealt with in accordance with law.

The unfairness of prejudging a case without thorough investigation is strikingly illustrated in the present case. Ten persons were originally charged by the police. The charge against four of these was withdrawn by the police at the beginning of this trial because they were satisfied that these four persons had no connection with the robbery and the Court after hearing all the evidence against the six persons tried had found two of them not guilty.

(Continued at foot of next column).

MILITARY NEWS FROM CANTON.

The following items are reproduced from the Canton Gazette:—

WEST RIVER UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

On account of the fighting along the Canton-Samsui Railway amongst the Yunnanese factions, General Li Chai Shun, commanding the First Division, has ordered his troops to proceed to Shin Hing and its vicinity to protect the merchants there against robbers. He has also issued orders to his subordinates to see that soldiers belonging to other factions be disarmed before they are allowed to enter.

HONAM UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Owing to the recent disturbance in Shekwan, General Li Fu Lum, commanding the Third Army Corps, has declared Honam under martial law and has despatched a strong force of troops to guard the important place. He has also issued instructions that on no account are soldiers belonging to other factions allowed to enter Honam. It is reported that a small detachment of Yunnanese soldiers tried to land in Honam on the 15th, but was forced to retreat by the soldiers guarding that part.

CHEN KWONG KWAI TO COMMAND NORTHERN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

As General Tan Yeu Kai, Fan Chung Sau and Koo Fung Kwai, of the Hunanese and Fengtien forces, have all expressed their willingness to participate in the Northern Expedition, the Generalissimo has issued a mandate appointing Chen Kwong Kwai commander-in-Chief of the First Army Corps. General Chen has been ordered to be prepared to march against the North at any moment.

LU YUNG TING'S ARMY.

News is to hand that Lu Yung Ting, the Kwangsi general, has re-named his army the Pacification Army of Kwangsi.

ERRATIC SHOOTING.

Many cases of accident caused by the late fighting in Shekwan, happened in Wongsu. These accidents were due to the random shots of the Yunnanese soldiers. It is reported that four little boys were wounded in the body and the station master had his face cut open.

THE TOKYO EARTHQUAKE.

BUILDINGS THAT WITHSTOOD THE SHOCK.

From a report on the condition of engineering structures after the earthquake and fire which destroyed portions of Yokohama, Tokyo, and other small municipalities of Japan on September 1st, submitted to the Secretary of State, Washington, D.C., by Messrs. John W. Doty, president, and W. W. Johnston, engineer, the Foundation Company, New York, it may be implied that fire caused more damage than the earthquake, that modern steel and reinforced concrete structures seemed to resist the shock, and that proper bracing of buildings is an advantage. Extracts from their joint diary are reprinted in the *Engineering News Record*.

The buildings which existed in Tokyo can be classified under five heads: (1) Native frame houses constructed principally of pine; (2) small structures with brick walls and wooden interiors; (3) larger Government and office buildings of heavy exterior and interior brick walls, with wooden floors; (4) modern buildings of four to eight stories with structural steel frames and fireproof or slow-burning walls and floors; (5) reinforced concrete buildings of from two to eight stories with concrete floors, exterior walls of concrete, or veneered with masonry or stone. Probably at least 80 per cent. of the buildings in the city were of frame construction, 15 per cent. of brick and frame, and 5 per cent. of the remaining three types referred to above.

The Kaidwan, known as the Palace Restaurant, was a modern steel-frame structure of six stories. The shock of the earthquake caused the outside walls and the interior partitions of the third story only to shatter and fall, leaving every steel column on that floor exposed. The lower two stories and the upper three stories appeared to be only slightly damaged.

The Tokyo Central Station and Hotel, a massive brick-and-steel structure of four stories, was not seriously damaged by either the fire or the earthquake.

SPORT.

HOCKEY.

MATCHES FOR TO-DAY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club to-day in matches against the submarine flotilla and H.M.S. Tamar:—

First Team v. the Submarine Flotilla, at the U.S.L.C., at 5 p.m. — E. W. Hamilton, E. G. England, G. Murray, G. H. Piercy, A. S. Hett, E. L. Sim, H. Meacock, F. C. Miller, W. Woodward, G. R. More and the Rev. N. Evans.

Second Team v. H.M.S. Tamar, at Rockhampton at 4.45 p.m. (bus from Cricket Club Pavilion at 4.30 p.m.) — A. H. Roffey, W. H. Edmunds, T. Howell, A. Bower, G. L. R. Beecher, T. R. Prior, D. Lyon, S. H. Garrod, W. Hyde, F. Schneppel and another.

NO INTERPORT MATCH.

A cable has been received from the Hon. Secretary of the Shanghai Hockey Club expressing regret that it is found impossible to send down an Interport Hockey Team to Hongkong this season.

Having delivered their judgment Messrs. Martin and Kuan directed that the attention of the Commissioner of Police be called to the excellent conduct of Det. Sub-Insp. Yorke and Hunter, who were engaged in the case.



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SHANGHAI.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 18th January, to Monday, 22nd January, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1924. [186]

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1924, at 11 O'CLOCK in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1924. [186]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 12, Des Vaux Road, on FRIDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1924, at 12 O'CLOCK in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on Saturday, 19th January, to Friday, 1st February, 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1924. [179]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Vaux Road Central, at 3.00 P.M., SATURDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1924, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 21st January, to Saturday, 2nd February, 1924 (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1924. [203]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF 1924 RACE MEETING.

THE Attention of Owners is called to an alteration in the Conditions of the Eighth Race on the First Day, the CHATER CUP.

The Last Sentence should read as follows:—
"For the race that have started and never BEEN PLACED in an Official Race allowed 10 lbs."

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1924.

ENTRIES for the FORTHCOMING RACES Close on SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY, at 3 P.M., and must be sent to the JOCKEY CLUB ROOMS, 34, CHATER ROAD, on this Date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the JOCKEY CLUB STABLES, the JOCKEY CLUB ROOMS (Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road), or Messrs. LESTER & DAVIS, Alexander Buildings.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate 5/14 7496 dated Hongkong 24th April, 1923, for Five Shares of this Bank numbered 62978/62980 inclusive registered in the Name, Mrs. GLAFIRA MARIA ECA DA SILVA ABELLA has been destroyed by Fire and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 17th January, 1924, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/14 7496 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Offices of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" have been removed to 1A CHATER ROAD (2nd floor), to which Address all Correspondence should be directed.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1923.

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. GEORGE WINSTANLEY BARTON in our Firm ceased as from the 31st of DECEMBER, 1923.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1924. [202]

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE

MR. FRANK EDWARD LAMBERT having been taken into Partnership by me, the Business will be carried on under the Name of C. H. LAMBERT & SON from Date.

C. H. LAMBERT.
Canton, 12th January, 1924. [194]

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1924. [197]

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1924. [205]

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BIRTHS.

BELL.—At Shanghai, on January 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bell, a daughter.

GENSER.—At Shanghai, on January 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gensser, a daughter.

DEATH.

JORGE.—At Kobe, on January 8th, Flora VIOLANTA JORGE, beloved wife of A. F. JORGE. Deeply regretted.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 16TH, 1924.

CHINA'S CABINET AND NATIONAL POLICY.

CHINA has now a new Cabinet, which includes five members of the Ministry previously acting. It is described as a Cabinet composed of an unusually experienced personnel, which is quite true. It would be interesting to know what policy the Cabinet proposes to follow, but on this point there is a singular absence of information. Possibly a common policy does not exist, and each Minister conceives his duty to be merely to control the business of his own Department. National policy is issued by Cabinets in China yet, but by the dominant War Lord. "The Chinese say that the Cabinet shows the influence of Wu Pei-fu," a Peking cable says. Marshal Wu's Headquarters are frequently telling the newspaper reporters that the War Lord of Loyalism "does not pay much attention to politics," though everybody is well aware that no Cabinet which does not command his approval is likely to remain in office a week. The national policy is just what Marshal Wu is for the moment pleased to dictate. He is bent on securing the reunification of the country by force, and the immediate object he has in view is the subjugation of revolt in the provinces of Kwangtung and Szechuan. Peace is the great need of China, but the immediate outlook is dark with heavy war clouds. We not only have Marshal Wu Pei-fu proposing to continue the already protracted struggle against the "independent" provinces, but we have Dr. Sun Yat Sen talking about organising another

grand military expedition and co-operating with the War Lord of Mukden to overthrow the Government at Peking. In this enterprise, according to statements credited to him in the Press, Dr. Sun Yat Sen is counting on the support and co-operation of all the provinces lying between the West River and the Yangtze. Thus we have the picture of a great combination of provincial forces, harmonised by their "constitutional" aspirations, forming as it were one side of the gigantic nut-crackers, and CHANG Tso Lin's great armies in the Manchurian provinces forming the other side, and they are to close upon the forces of Wu Pei-fu which constitute the nut destined to be cracked. But as the much-worn tag has it "the best-laid plans of mice and men gang oft awry." There is no good reason to suppose that a plan of this kind is any more feasible now than it was a year or eighteen months ago when Dr. Sun first attempted to organise a grand military expedition to the North. But even if these military movements succeeded and the Chihli party at Peking were overthrown, the prospect of the establishment of peace and stable government would be as remote as ever; for even if the Chihli party were eliminated as a factor of disturbance—a result far from likely—how long would the part between CHANG Tso Lin and SUN YAT SEN be likely to endure? These two leaders have absolutely nothing in common between them save hatred of the existing Government at Peking and the military backing it has. Sooner or later the utter hopelessness of the whole situation must dawn upon the rival leaders, and there will then—and not before—be some hope for Sir ROBERT HOLT's Round Table Conference proposal. But we shall be surprised if that stage is reached before blood has been shed in China on a scale far greater than we have yet seen since the dawn of the Republic.

Four cases of diphtheria and one death from the disease was reported in the Colony last week; also three (Chinese) fatal cases of enteric fever, and one fatal case of scarlet fever.

The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company is to hold shareholders' meetings shortly for the purpose of passing resolutions for increasing the capital of the Company from \$600,000 (divided into 60,000 \$10 shares) to \$2,000,000 (divided into 200,000 shares of \$10 each).

The business before the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday afternoon was purely formal. There were present: Mr. G. R. Sayer (Chairman), the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. W. Pearce), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works), Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Mr. S. W. Tso and the Secretary to the Board (Mr. J. W. Fraser).

The "Star" Ferry Company are having two new ferry boats built at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for their ferry service between Hongkong and Kowloon. They hope to have the additional ferries ready for service within the next six months when a much-needed five minute service is to be introduced. In order to do this the Company propose to extend their wharf at Kowloon so that two ferries can come alongside at practically the one time. The new ferries are to be built on practically the same lines as the present ferries, excepting that they will have a few feet more beam and be slightly longer.

THE SMALL POX EPIDEMIC

147 DEATHS IN A WEEK.

The Medical Officer of Health's return issued yesterday shows that 95 cases of small-pox were notified in the Colony last week, and there were 147 deaths from the disease. Among the cases notified last week were 1 British and 1 Japanese. The rest were Chinese. Eight cases were imported.

In the 24 hours ended the 14th inst. 39 fresh cases were notified.

COMPANY DIVIDENDS.

Subject to audit, The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., will pay a final Dividend of \$1.50 per share and a Bonus of \$2 per share, (i.e., on share Nos. 40,001-240,000). To those holding shares given in exchange for shares of the Hongkong Central Estate Ltd. (i.e., shares numbered 1-40,000) a dividend of \$2.50 will be paid in accordance with the Agreement.

The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., will pay a dividend of \$5.25 per share and a Bonus of \$10 per share.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual ordinary general meeting of the "Cymdeithas Dewi Sant," Hongkong (St. David's Society) was held in the Supreme Court on Monday evening, the President (Sir Wm. Rees Davies, K.C.) presiding over a fair attendance. The Committee's report on the working of the Society and the statements of accounts were read and adopted. This report covered the period from the first meeting held in Mr. J. Owen Hughes' office in June, 1922.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—

President.—Mr. J. Owen Hughes.
Vice-President.—Mr. D. J. Lewis.
Hon. Secretary.—Mr. D. M. Richards, Kowloon British School.
Hon. Treasurer.—Mr. F. P. Williams (Insurance Dept.). Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Committee.—Mrs. Wynne Jones, Major Milroy Jones, Messrs. Campbell Fraser, H. Owen Hughes, Dr. Leslie Thomas, and Mr. D. Davies.

It was decided to celebrate St. David's Day on March 1st next by holding a dinner.

THE PHILHARMONIC.

ANOTHER CONCERT.

Several matters of importance were dealt with at the general meeting of the Philharmonic Society held last evening. Mr. Charles Gerken presided over an exceptionally good attendance. The resignation of Mr. T. P. M. Bevan as conductor was announced, as Mr. Bevan is shortly going on home leave. Mr. S. Collett was unanimously appointed conductor, and Mr. G. H. Piercy accepted the office of Hon. Secretary. A report was given of the financial success of the last concert, of the proposal to have another in March, and the affiliation of the Society with the British Musical Society. Announcement was made of the possibility of producing a Gilbert and Sullivan opera in conjunction with the A.D.C.

Before rehearsal was proceeded with, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis conveyed the Society's thanks to Mr. Bevan for his whole-hearted and successful services as Conductor. Mr. Bevan, in acknowledgment, said the members had been very loyal and hard-working and the result had been a series of pleasant evenings. He commended to them Mr. Collett, whom they would find an exceptionally good Conductor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

YACHTING.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—Re the Ladies' Championship. Your paper's criticism is quite right when it says "... obviously it is time her (Brinda's) handicap received attention." I hope the handicappers will act on this suggestion.

I doubt very much if owners would care to sail their boats with handicaps as they are arranged for the ladies.—Yours truly,

A MERE MAN.

Hongkong, January 15th, 1924.

DISPUTE OVER EIGHTY DOLLARS.

A WANCHAI JAPANESE SUE.

The Far East Oxygen and Acetylene Co., Ltd., 20, Des Vaux Road, sued T. Nishitani, a Japanese, of 45, Praya East, Wanchai, in the Summary Court before Mr. Justice Gompertz yesterday for \$988.62.

Mr. Corbett, for plaintiff, said his clients undertook for defendant some oxygen-acetylene cutting which cost \$1,488.62. Subsequently \$600 was paid on account, but the balance was outstanding.

Defendant, who conducted his own case, disputed liability to the extent of \$988.62, asserting that his debt only amounted to \$908.63.

Mr. Corbett intimated that his clients were prepared to accept the amount offered in settlement. Judgment was entered accordingly.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Morrison Hill Road was the scene of a motor accident shortly after 6 o'clock last night.

Car No. 1019, in charge of a Chinese chauffeur, was proceeding in a westerly direction. In avoiding another car coming from the East the driver of car 1019 swerved sharply to the left, narrowly missing a European pedestrian but knocking over a Chinese who was struck by the rear side of the car pulled up and a few moments later a police motor patrol turned the corner from Stubbs Road. The driver of the car was ordered to proceed to No. 2 Police Station.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)RUSSO-GERMAN COMMERCIAL
RELATIONS.DISCUSSIONS BASED ON RAPALLO
TREATY.

RIGA, January 14th.

The Russo-German discussions, with regard to a settlement of commercial relations between the two countries, are based on the Treaty of Rapallo, which was begun at Berlin in June 1923 and resumed at Moscow.

According to the authorities, the discussions are likely to last another year. Besides the detailed trade agreement, it will be necessary to work out a scheme for consular representation and also to decide questions only remotely connected with trade. Several agreements have been already concluded, but they will not be enforced until a final settlement has been reached on all subjects now being discussed.

Drozdovsky is chief of the Russian delegation, and Von Koerner, of the German.

RHINELAND INQUIRY.

BUSINESS, NOT POLITICS.

New York, January 14th.

The morning newspapers praise the soundness of the reasoning in Mr. Dawes' statement at the first meeting of the Experts Committee in Paris, particularly the injunction that the motto of the committee must be "Business, not Politics."—*Reuter's American Service.*

EARLIER CABLES.

FRENCH AND BRITISH APPOINT-
MENTS TO COMMISSIONS.

LONDON, January 14th.

Heater understands that the British Government has informed the French Government that it does not object to the despatch of two French officials to Cologne to inquire into the conditions there, provided the same facilities be given to Mr. Clive, the British Consul General at Munich for a similar mission to the Palatinate, but it is pointed out that already a score of French officials in the British Press are fully free to study and report on the situation. The British view is that the Rhineland High Commission has no power to recognise the separatist movement in the Palatinate, and the people of the Palatinate if they wish to break away from Germany have the machinery in the Weimar constitution whereby only a quarter vote will be necessary for holding a plebiscite on the matter.

PARIS, January 14th.

It is understood that Mr. Tirard, president of the Inter-Allied High Commission, has chosen his secretary M. Fillard to accompany Mr. Clive and has also asked Lient, Colonel Richier to proceed to Cologne and enquire with regard to the secret organisations whose activities the French allege have led to bloodshed. The French have gone particularly to the Bonn District.

EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS.

SWEEPING MAJORITY FOR
ZAGLULISTS.

CAIRO, January 14th.

An official message says the election results are:—Zaglulists 150, Liberal Constitutionalists 15, Watazists 2, Independents 4. A total of 41 constituencies will vote again on January 17th owing to the candidates failing to obtain the requisite majorities. The Zaglulists expect to win most of these seats. Zaglul, in a manifesto rejecting the "splendid victory" of patriotic Egyptians, says that although many chose a different course and acted wrongly, he was prepared to welcome them back. Externally Egypt is united in demanding complete independence, but internally Egyptians are free to differ.

EMPIRE NAVAL CRUISE.

IMPOSING SPECTACLE AT
ZANZIBAR.

ZANZIBAR, January 14th.

The Sultan and crowds of Europeans and natives watched the arrival of the Empire cruise battle-cruisers. A detachment from each ship marched through the streets, only bedecked with flags and palm. Thousands of natives witnessed the march past, the Sultan taking the salute. Natives who were allowed to visit the ships were speechless with amazement at the magnitude of the cruisers and size of their guns.

REPARATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING.COMMON SENSE MUST BE
"CROWNED KING."

PARIS, January 14th.

The first expert committee dealing with German currency met at eleven this morning, in the presence of the Reparations Commission. M. Barthou made a speech of welcome, and General Dawes, replying on behalf of the committee, said: "The success of the committee depends chiefly on whether in the public mind and the conscience of the Allies and the world there is adequate conception of the great disaster facing each Ally and Europe unless common sense is crowned king."

M. Barthou in a speech said the Reparations Commission would place at the disposal of the experts all the necessary documents, and the experts would control their method of procedure, and would hear Germany in any form which appeared most useful to them. "We eagerly wish for the common good that her Government will facilitate your arduous and complex task." It was necessary that results should be reached, for the peace equilibrium of the whole world depended on a reparations settlement. The Commission rejoiced in American co-operation. He asked General Dawes to accept the presidency of the committee. General Dawes, replying, pointed out that the committee had not been asked to determine the legality of the occupation of the Ruhr.

LITTLE ENTENTE
CONFERENCE.NO BARRIER AGAINST BRITISH
POLICY.

BELGRADE, January 14th.

The Little Entente will subordinate its action with regard to the re-establishment of relations with Soviet Russia to the attitude of the principal Allies; and in the event of recognition of Russia by Britain and Italy it will leave each of its members free to act as the special circumstances warrant. It was emphasised at the conference that the Little Entente is not seeking in any way to form a continental barrier against the policy of Britain. The exchange of views at the conference with regard to the Hungarian loan has paved the way for the final deliberations in London on January 16th.

NATIONAL WAGES
AGREEMENT.MINERS FOLLOW RAILWAYMEN'S
LEAD.

LONDON, January 14th.

A ballot of Yorkshire and Northumberland miners has overwhelmingly favoured the termination of the National Wages Agreement. The result of the ballot all over the country will be announced on Thursday, and is expected to be similar. The threat of mining trouble and possibility of a railway strike are disquieting Labour quarters but have not altered the decision of the Labour leaders to take office as soon as possible nor has it caused the Liberal leaders to reconsider their determination to assist in the defeat of the Government. It is now anticipated that the fateful division will be on Monday, owing to the eagerness to participate in the debate.

THE RAILWAY DISPUTE.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS
AWAITED.

LONDON, January 14th.

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress has considered the railway trouble, and adjourned, pending further developments. It has been decided to appoint an emergency committee if necessary.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC
AGREEMENTS.DELAY IN RATIFICATION
DEPLORED.

LONDON, January 14th.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce has sent a letter to Messrs. Baldwin, Asquith and Ramsay MacDonald expressing grave concern with regard to any delay in ratification of the economic and financial arrangements made at the Imperial Conference. The Association believe the resolutions of the Conference, if carried into effect, will assist the development of the trade of the Empire and relieve unemployment at home, therefore they hope the arrangements reached at the Conference.

LABOUR'S FOREIGN POLICY.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR AP-
PROVES OF POWERFUL ARMY.

LONDON, January 14th.

Mr. Scott Duckers, who was a prominent conscientious objector during the war, in a speech in London said the Labour foreign policy had been settled, and no more money would be voted for Singapore. The policy of a Labour Government would include the fullest possible reparations from Germany, a powerful navy, a well-paid and efficient army, and, failing a satisfactory understanding with France, a largely increased Air Force.

MEMEL CONTROVERSY.

ANOTHER "SETTLEMENT"
COMMISSION.

GENEVA, January 14th.

Mr. Norman Davis, former acting Secretary of State of the United States, notified the League of his willingness to accept the presidency of the Memel Commission, which will investigate means to terminate the difficulties among the Allied Powers and Lithuania as regards the Memel territories.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

SYDNEY, January 14th.

New South Wales beat South Australia by an innings and 104 runs. South Australia compiled 353. V. Richardson knocking up 135; and in their second innings scored 107. Everett taking 6 for 54. New South Wales compiled 684. Kippax scoring 249 runs.

END OF H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, January 14th.

The British special service squadron and warships of the Australian fleet will witness the spectacular sinking of the battleship *Australia* outside Sydney Heads on Anzac day, April 25th. The scrapping is to take place in accordance with the Washington agreement.

SIR PERCY SCOTT
RECOVERS.

MALTA, January 14th.

Admiral Sir Percy Scott has recovered from his indisposition.

EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS.

SENSATIONAL RISE OF GOLD
DOLLAR.

LONDON, January 14th.

The London exchange market today was wild, there being extraordinary movements in the leading currencies. Sterling on New York was 4.23, due to a growing disposition to increase holdings in dollars and dollar securities. French francs were 97.40, attributed to the large expansion of French Government loans and currency. Saturday's rates were 4.26 and 91, respectively.

MEASURES TO TERMINATE
FALL OF THE FRANC.

PARIS, January 14th.

The Government is drafting measures to terminate the fall of the franc. Parliamentary support is assured. The commercial exchange has decided not to issue quotations at present, with a view to preventing disorganisation of the markets.

EARLIER CABLES.

TAMPICO BELEAGUERED BY
REBELS.

EL PASO, January 14th.

According to wireless messages, the Mexican revolutionaries claim to have blockaded Tampico and state that their "Navy" is outside, prohibiting all entry and departure to the port, while their military forces are threatening an early attack on the land side.

RESTORING ROME'S GLORIES.

MUSSOLINI BUILDING SCHEME.

Among Signor Mussolini's many plans for the adornment of Rome, which he wants to restore to the splendours of its best periods, the one which attracts the Romans most is one which alters the present quarter of Public Buildings. The idea is not novel, as it is copied from the ancient Roman system of grouping round its forum all the principal temples, markets, and the like. So now Mussolini is planning to erect a great Arch of Triumph and around it to build the Law Courts, the new markets, a great church, an athletic stadium, and a public forum where anyone may hold open-air meetings and speak with freedom on all subjects.

The completion of this scheme is rather distant, naturally, but an important start has been made on the Arch of Triumph, which Mussolini has ordered, must be finished in 1924. Meanwhile work is feverishly going on everywhere in Rome, bettering its hygienic and aesthetic conditions. All the important roads in the town have had their pavements completely renewed, abolishing the appalling cobbles traditional to Italian towns, and adopting a special asphalt floor which greatly improves the looks and increases the practicability of the streets. Senator Foromontesi, Royal Commissioner for Rome, has shown unending enthusiasm and energy in having also the Roman drainage system overhauled, so that Rome, which has always been a healthy city, will soon be a model town.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ANOTHER SERIOUS EARTH-
QUAKE IN JAPAN.

TOKYO FEELS STRONG TREMOR.

OSAKA-TOKYO COMMUNICATIONS
INTERRUPTED.

OSAKA, January 15th.

A serious earthquake was experienced at 5.45 this morning around the Nagano Prefecture. The centre is supposed to be at Matsumoto.

It is said that the tremor was the same as the last earthquake on September 1st. The damage is as yet unknown. Tokyo was affected by a strong tremor. All the telephone lines are interrupted, and only two telegraphic lines are alive between Tokyo and Osaka.

Nagoya was affected by a strong tremor and Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe slightly. Details are at the moment unknown.

TELEPHONE, TRAIN AND WATER
SERVICES AFFECTED.

LATER.

News reaching Osaka from Tokyo says no serious damage has been done there by the earthquake. The telephone and train services in Tokyo City are suspended and the water supply partially stopped. No fire has been reported.

The railways between Tokyo and Numadzu are interrupted. A goods train was derailed near Gotemba.

"TERRIFIC ROCKINGS" OF IMPERIAL
HOTEL.

TOKYO, January 15th.

The Imperial Hotel underwent a terrific rocking but sustained its quakeproof reputation. The hotel was crowded with guests. The shock occurred at the dawn of a raw cold day. Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, and Colonel Samuel and his wife, who are visiting the Far East, were uninjured.

Owing to telegraph interruption it is difficult to secure details from the outlying districts.

FIRE RAGING IN TOKYO.

OSAKA, January 15th.

The Emperor and Empress are at Numadzu. The Prince Regent and Princess Nagako are reported safe.

Fire is raging in Sagami, a suburb of Tokyo, but no particulars are available.

One train was precipitated into the river at Banyugawa and six trains were overturned between Gotemba and Tokyo.

LATER.

A message from Tokyo states that damage is not serious. Train services in the city are suspended, and the water supply is stopped but no fire is reported. The railways between Tokyo and Yokohama are interrupted. A goods train has been derailed.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15th.

A wireless message from Tomioka confirms the foregoing and adds that it is expected that the interrupted communications will be restored shortly.

COMMUNICATIONS SERIOUSLY
CRIPPLED.

TOKYO, January 15th.

The centre of the quake is believed to be near Tanzawa mountain, in Sagami province, according to officials of the Central Observatory. The quake was similar to that of September 1st but only half its intensity and lasted twelve minutes.

The dead in Tokyo and Yokohama and outside districts are probably under fifty. Casualties are numerous. No foreigners are reported. A few houses collapsed. All communications are seriously crippled.

COMMUNICATIONS BADLY
CRIPPLED.

TOKYO, January 15th.

The earthquake broke the railway between Hiratsuka and Chigasaki, interrupting Tokyo and Kobe communications. The Kobe express is held up at Kodzu. Telegraphic communications are badly crippled.

SIX HUNDRED HOUSES
DEMOLISHED.

TOKYO, January 15th.

As a result of the earthquake 6 persons were killed and 200 injured at Yokohama and 4 were killed and 20 injured at Tokyo.

Six hundred houses have been demolished at Yokohama.

Fire is raging in the suburbs.

A train was hurled into the river at Banyugawa and six trains overturned between Gotemba and Tokyo.

The Emperor, Empress, Prince Regent and Princess Nagako are safe.

SHOCKS FELT IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, January 15th.

An earthquake shock, of considerable intensity, was experienced between four and six o'clock this morning at Ilocos and the provinces.

A milder shock at about five o'clock this morning was felt here.

MRS. KILLEN RESCUED.

PEKING, January 15th.

Major Magruder, of the United States Legation, reported yesterday afternoon as follows: The Civil Governor of Honan states that Mrs. Killen has been rescued and is well. She will reach Loyang on January 16th or 17th.

JAPANESE NAVAL MEN IN
AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, January 14th.

Very cordial speeches were made at a banquet which the Federal Ministry gave in honour of Vice-Admiral Saito and the officers of the visiting Japanese squadron. Admiral Saito at Mr. Page's suggestion has requested Japan to send to the Australian War Museum a souvenir of the scrapped warship *Abuki*, which conveyed the first Australian troops to the front during the war.

CHINESE INDUSTRIAL COM-
MISSIONERS AT SHEFFIELD.

LONDON, January 14th.

The Chinese Commercial Mission were the guests of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, and spent a busy and instructive day at Vickers' steelworks, where they saw armament-making, also Edgar Allen's and Arthur Ballou's. The mission had luncheon at Vickers, the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce presiding. Birmingham will be omitted from the list of places visited owing to the brevity of the mission's stay in Britain, but C. F. Hau, of the Ministry of communications, has arrived, and is visiting large works, including those of the Metropolitan Carriage and Wagon Company, Belliss Morcom's, and the Austin and Wolseley motor works.

GERMAN STAMP COLLECTING
ATTRACTION OF THE ENORMOUS
NOMINAL VALUES.

The rapid change in the values of German stamps have stimulated great interest amongst collectors in this country, remarks a London paper. At the present moment most values are plentiful, but no one quite knows which may become scarce. This uncertainty, combined with the attraction of the enormous nominal values, has a good deal to do with the popularity of these issues. When the mark started on its last lightning fall early in September, the highest value stamp was ten thousand marks, a beautifully engraved label showing a view of Cologne Cathedral. As the mark fell the Government increased their postal rates, and stamps of many thousands of marks nominal value were suddenly required. All kinds of stamps of low values were immediately surcharged with new values, ranging from five thousand to two million marks.

About forty of these provisional stamps were issued, but it was found impossible to maintain sufficient supplies for the ordinary postal requirements of the country, and in many cases letters came through with the amount paid for postage written on the right hand corner of the envelope by the postmaster and hand stamped in red letters "Gebühr bezahlt" (postage paid). As an alternative method some German postmasters had special labels printed to take the place of postage stamps temporarily. To a great extent the shortage has been overcome by the introduction of stamps printed from a permanent plate in various colours, the value required at any given period being added by a second printing. Stamps produced in this way range in value from 500,000 marks to fifty millions.

Even with these high denominations enormous quantities are required, and it has been found necessary to use rolling machines to complete a proportion of the sheets of stamps instead of the usual perforating machines. Some of these rouletted stamps may possibly become scarce.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

SCOTS DISAPPOINT IN RUGBY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, December 14th. The meeting of the teams representing Scotland and the Rest of Scotland at Glasgow was on the whole disappointing. It had been anticipated that the Scotland XV. would not experience any real difficulty in winning, but as happened in the Inter-City game last week, the less fancied side gave a very much better display than had been expected, and though ultimately defeated by 11 points to 5 were distinctly unfortunate in not at least drawing the game. There was a singular lack of combination among the Scottish pack, and for the greater part of the game they were well held by the Rest eight, who were much better together. The presence of D. M. Bertram in their ranks accounted for their obtaining a considerably larger share of the ball in the tight, and even after his transference at half-time to the other side in place of A. C. Gillies, the Rest forwards were still a force to be reckoned with. None of the Scotland forwards was particularly outstanding, but J. C. R. Buchanan, J. R. Lawrie and J. M. Bannerman were the pick of a moderate lot. Their back work was in the loose, on the Rest side all worked hard, with B. G. Henderson, W. S. Dobson, and J. G. Hendrie most in evidence. W. S. Dobson was always on the ball and, as in the Inter-City, very quick at seizing an opening. R. Howie and A. Ross, of the others, also put in much useful work.

On the day's play J. A. R. Selby and H. Waddell were well ahead of W. E. Bryce and J. C. Dykes at half-back, and quickly struck up a very useful partnership. Selby gave a fine accurate service to Waddell, who showed an excellent conception of the "stand-off" duties. In attack and defence he was excellent, broke through with great skill and at the same time did not neglect his "three." W. E. Bryce and J. C. Dykes both performed well.

Though both sets of three-quarters at times brought off some nice passing runs, most of the movements were of the obvious character, and were easily countered. A. I. Gracie was outstanding. His fielding and kicking were excellent. E. Maclearen on occasion cut through very quickly and very straight, but was often at fault in his handling. The wings, J. M. Tolmie and A. Browning, were both lacking in resolution, and it seemed in pace. On the Rest side G. M. Boyd was good and had by turns. As a line the Rest "three" were too individualistic, and all over there would appear to be a lack of pace in the wing men. Both full backs played well, and made few mistakes. Drysdale will most likely keep his place, but T. Waddell was very little his inferior, and kicked and tackled with decision.

CLUB MATCHES.

Heriot's showed the good stuff they are made of when, without five of their men engaged in the International Trial, they defeated Royal High School F.C. by 5 goals to one. Glasgow Academical, for the second time this season, administered a heavy defeat to their Edinburgh rivals, 24 points to 3. Edinburgh University went down before the F.P.'s of Glasgow High School by 11 points to 3 after a moderate game. Edinburgh Wanderers had an orgy of scoring at the expense of West of Scotland, 40 to 3. In School Championship games Loretto easily got the better of Glenamond, and Merchiston gained a somewhat lucky victory over Watsons.

The big game of the week was between Bath Rovers and Airdrieonians, clubs who, almost since the start of this season's competition, have been the best rivals of Rangers, and the Five Club, after a capital contest, won by 6 to 0. Rangers scored the only goal in the match with Queen's Park. Celtic, another of the challengers, dropped to a point at Kilmockie. Dundee unexpectedly lost ground in their meeting with Partick Thistle, where all visiting clubs except Rangers have had to succumb. Clyde and Hamilton each scored valuable victories, and out for a time out of danger, in the relegation area. Hearts got a surprise at home, where they were defeated by Aberdeen.

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Large foreheads do not always mean large brains. The man with the dome-shaped head may after all be merely an ordinary individual of no particular intelligence.

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"Large frontal lobes, however," he added, "do not necessarily signify superior intelligence, for there are other factors which have to be taken into account. The quality of the brain structure, the condition of the blood supply and nutrition, the condition of the bodily organs may all influence mental energy. The size of the body has also some relation to the size of the brain, though not to the extent frequently assumed, for the body varies in size and weight at different periods of life whereas the brain undergoes no corresponding change."

The destruction of the frontal lobes in man, though accident, produces curious effects. People so injured forget all they have learned, and cannot learn anything new. Dr. Hollander quoted instances of patients who, after an injury to the forehead, lost all memory of five years past, and of others who, while remaining normal in other ways, forgot all the special knowledge relating to their occupation. Another characteristic of such injury was cheerfulness and undue hilarity.

Fernand Laporte, the French aviator, has created a new height record for hydroplanes by reaching an altitude of 18,140ft, beating by 4,200ft. the previous record of Harper, the American swimmer.

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MARRIAGE REVISION.
EXCHANGE OF RINGS AND NO "OBEY."

Bishop Welles, the Bishop of Bathurst, Dr. Moore, the Dean of Worcester, and the Deans of Chester and Lincoln, and three or four others, including the aged Canon Hay Alden, of Norwich, and Canon Adley, have submitted amendments to the Revised Prayer Book in reference to the Marriage Service.

Three of the four amendments which they have tabled are on the lines of those advocated by the women's organisations for preserving in the service greater equality between the sexes.

Instead of the question put to the woman by the clergyman at the service, "Wilt thou obey him and serve him?" there is substituted, "Wilt thou love him, comfort him?" Each of the parties is to make the same declaration. Instead of the wife promising to obey her husband, they are both to make the following statement at the appointed place:

"I, the bridegroom, do hereby give and pledge myself to the bride, to be my wedded wife (or husband) to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to serve, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth."

Where the woman is asked the question, "Wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband," etc., the amendment leaves out the words "obey him and serve him."

At the giving of the ring there is suggested the following alteration:

"With this ring, I thee wed; with my body I thee honour, and all my worldly goods with thee I share. In the name of God, Amen."

A rubric is introduced, also which allows the woman to give the man a ring using the same words.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, December 2nd.

Although strenuously opposed by the Labour Party, the Bill for the introduction of English domestic servants has been passed.

The Bill provides that the servants shall be over 18 years of age, must serve an apprenticeship of at least 12 months, and have the consent of their parents, and must be recommended by a person of good character. The wages are to be the same as those of farm apprentices, and the strictest supervision is provided. The Labour Party objected to the scheme on the ground that it was tantamount to "white slavery." The Ministerialists retorted that overworked Australian farm women were white slaves and "domestic assistance" was urgent.

The Bill also granted to every farm apprentice who had served a satisfactory apprenticeship £300 to help him to purchase stock and plant, provided that he took up land himself. This is in accordance with the advice of Sir William Windham, who informed the Government that public opinion in England required assurance of the boys' future. The Labour members objected to this as giving preference over Australians.—Times.

WHAT AN OPERATION REVEALED.

Strange revelations were made at the inquest on Private Hatch, of the Scots Guards, who died as the result of swallowing a knife and other articles.

He was court-martialled in October for striking a comrade, and while undergoing detention in the barracks suddenly swallowed a 7-in. dinner knife. The sergeant of the guard refused to believe the apparent fact, as Hatch seemed well. Nevertheless, he reported Hatch. When the patient had been X-rayed, and an operation performed, the knife was discovered, together with a tooth brush, 12 trouser buttons, and two darning needles. The latter had gone right through his intestines. Twelve days after the operation Hatch died of peritonitis. There was no evidence of any desire to commit suicide. Hatch had admitted that he did not remember swallowing the articles, but doctors gave evidence that such swallowing of articles often was a symptom of insanity, though there was no other trace of insanity in Hatch's case.

WOMAN'S FORTUNE FROM STRAIGHTENING HAIR.

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The most sumptuous Negro wedding ever held in the United States was celebrated in New York recently when Miss May MacWalter Robinson married Dr. Henry Gordon Jackson, of Chicago.

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DAY OF DIGNIFIED TITLES.

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THE P. AND O. COMPANY. LORD INCHCAPE'S REVIEW OF PAST YEAR.

Lord Inchcape, presiding at the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, said that, with few exceptions, the P. and O. voyage in the past year had shown a loss. The dividend was derived more from investment than from a surplus on the working. They had added to the Insurance Fund £103,000. The total was now £2,300,000. Their risks were well spread, but with so many ships they were never altogether free from anxiety, despite the skill and prudence of their captains, officers and engineers.

"FREE TRADE" IN A TYPHOON.
He had been in considerable anxiety lately regarding their most valuable ship caught without warning in a typhoon. Fortunately, she was in charge of the veteran skipper, Captain Asquith, and Chief Officer Lloyd George. That ship was well-found, like all P. and O. ships, and had come through undamaged. Her name was *Free Trade*.

The increased size of their new vessels had enabled them to place practically the whole of the accommodation of the upper spar and promenade decks at the disposal of passengers. Passengers welcomed the greater number of single and two-berth cabins, many with private bathrooms, for which there was an increasing demand. The reduction of wages from the high Government levels of war time had been accepted in the best spirit, their staff realising the need of bringing the expenses to a level with earnings.

The national strike of dock labourers in July last had brought work to a standstill in London for seven weeks. The strike was a breach of the National Agreement endorsed by the men. He wished that the men could realise that such stoppages retarded the revival of trade, and increased unemployment. He was satisfied that every employee of labour in the country desired to improve the condition of the workers, but unless people were prepared to work harder and thus help the revival of foreign trade, unemployment would tend to increase. To such a company as the Peninsular and Oriental, working under a Government contract, the withdrawal of quayside labour was a greater loss than to owners free to leave their ships idle. Mail steamers must sail to time, strike or no strike, and he was glad to say they had at considerable sacrifice maintained their mail sailings without a break.

REMEDY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT.
In the speaker's judgment the remedy for unemployment lay in the hands of the Trade Unions. If the Unions would relax their rules, and for a year or two give economic conditions free play, and would markets for an increased output of manufactured goods. It was folly to keep up nominal wages and shorter hours, and restrict production, when a million idle people were eating £50 millions a year—the whole in effect a tax on the workers. To get rid of unemployment would be to exchange £50 millions of the money which was unproductive for £50 millions of productive money, with a resultant upon the welfare of our population which it would be difficult to measure.

The steamers of the P. and O. and its associates during the year had covered over 16 million miles. They had made 29,000 entries into ports, and carried nearly 14 million tons of cargo and 215,331 animals.

They had had 1,800,000 passengers, and on board their ships the average daily number of men employed was 40,000.

The average of their tonnage was about seven years. It stood in their books at £23 per ton and at £11 if reserves were deducted, and at even a lower figure if they took into account the market appreciation of their investments. It could not be replaced to-day for less than £36 to £40 a ton. They were fortunate to have made the recent issue of debenture stock just before a then Minister of the Crown had recommended inflation by resort to the printing press.

THE COUNTRY'S SHEET ANCHOR.

He had on various occasions expressed his views on Free Trade, and would put his views once more very briefly. Many distinguished men honestly regarded Protection as the remedy for unemployment, but he believed that the free interchange of commodities with the whole world was the sheet anchor of the country. He imagined that any political leader, who again raised the issue of Protection in Great Britain, would be firmly locked up by his followers. We should continue our policy of reducing expenditure and paying off our debt with a speedy return to the Gold Standard.

It was of great value to the Empire that the Imperial Conference should be held every few years, although it had a somewhat disturbing influence on our domestic affairs. The Dominions, which were Protectionist countries, had for many years advocated "Imperial Preference." The Prime Minister's recent appeal for a mandate had already been turned down 17 years ago. He would not rule out Free Trade within the Empire, but as the dominions depended on tariff for a large part of their revenue, that for many years would not be a practical proposition. He believed that each of the countries under the Crown should be free to choose its own way, without any attempt by either side to influence the other's fiscal policy.

They were still faced with great competition from the United States and Australia. To supplement deficits on voyages and provide for depreciation from the tax-payer's pocket was not business, and he thought that the tax-payer would get tired of it.

THE LABOUR PARTY.

The leader of the Labour Party proposed when he got into power to nationalise many of our private enterprises. The speaker did not share the apprehensions with which many people regarded the possible advent of the Labour Party to power. If they were to reach that position by strictly constitutional means, and would be entitled to the fair play which British Ministers expected and de-

served. He did not agree with their programme, and he knew their programme would not agree with him, but no section of the community had more interest in the welfare and stability of the country's institutions than the great body of weekly wage earners. Any blow to trade, anything that weakened our credit, that checked private enterprise or hindered the adventure of capital would react upon the workers and menace their livelihood. He thought they could trust the Labour leaders to recognise this, and keep their wild men from playing a wrecking game. The speaker had great faith in the sobering effect of responsibility. He had experienced it himself.

He agreed that the agricultural interest of the country lost much by non-cooperation. He had seen the value of co-operation between the Peninsular and Oriental and its associated companies in comparing costs in the purchase of all their requirements and in helping one another with tonnage. This spirit of co-operation was not confined to administration. It extended to the whole of their staff ashore and ashore.

WORKS AND STAFFS THANKED.

Lord Inchcape felt sure that the stockholders would wish to be associated in the expression of grateful thanks of the Directors to their Agents and staff ashore, and to their captains and officers of all departments ashore. He was constantly meeting their men, and it was a source of great pleasure to him to work with them. Loyalty, ability, devotion and integrity characterised the service, which it was the good fortune of the Peninsular and Oriental Directors to enjoy.

He had been accused by a correspondent in *The Times* of being a Protectionist because of his Companies' participation in Conference agreements. Ship owners, shippers, merchants, and consignees recognised that the effect of agreements was to free rates from violent fluctuations, upwards or downwards, with a minimum of disturbance and uncertainty in marketing merchandise. All concerned were of opinion that agreements produced stability of rates, regulation of tonnage and sailing, and punctuality of delivery. In an irregular market, cargoes would be delayed by the waiting of half-filled ships, parcels coming in too great abundance or not at all, and there would be an alternate glut and starvation of supplies.

Doubtless, some people outside that room would like more information of the company's affairs than given by the report, accounts and speech. To say more might lead to a depletion of their resources, and a departure from the conservative policy which had guided the company throughout its existence. The presence of Balguy still held the field in business. He would quote five of them:—
"Don't beat the bush for others. Trust no one further than you can see him. Never say what you do, but always do what you say. Keep your hands to yourself and the same with your purse. Sell your jewels for more than they cost you."

The first four they could carry out but at the present time, there was difficulty about the fifth. In fact, they might still be said to a great extent to be living on their losses. There was no greater fallacy than that shipowners had made money out of the war. Those who sold their ships and retired probably did well. The Peninsular and Oriental Company had to consider their great organisation and their staff, and carry on until things improved, but they were not downhearted. They had a magnificent fleet, and were adding to it, and no endeavour would be wanting to retain the public good-will.

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Kobe via SHANGHAI	"KUTSANG"	Sunday, 20th Jan., 7 a.m.
DALNY & YOKOHAMA	"KUTSANG"	Sunday, 20th Jan., 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"ESANG"	Sunday, 20th Jan., 7 a.m.
& HINGPO	"KWAISANG"	Tuesday, 22nd Jan., Noon.
RANGKOK via SWATOW	"KWAISANG"	Tuesday, 22nd Jan., Noon.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	"FAUSANG"	Wednesday, 23rd Jan., 7 a.m.
& SHANGHAI	"HINSANG"	Wednesday, 23rd Jan., 1 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"WAISHANG"	Sunday, 27th Jan., 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"FOOKSANG"	Tuesday, 29th Jan., 3 p.m.
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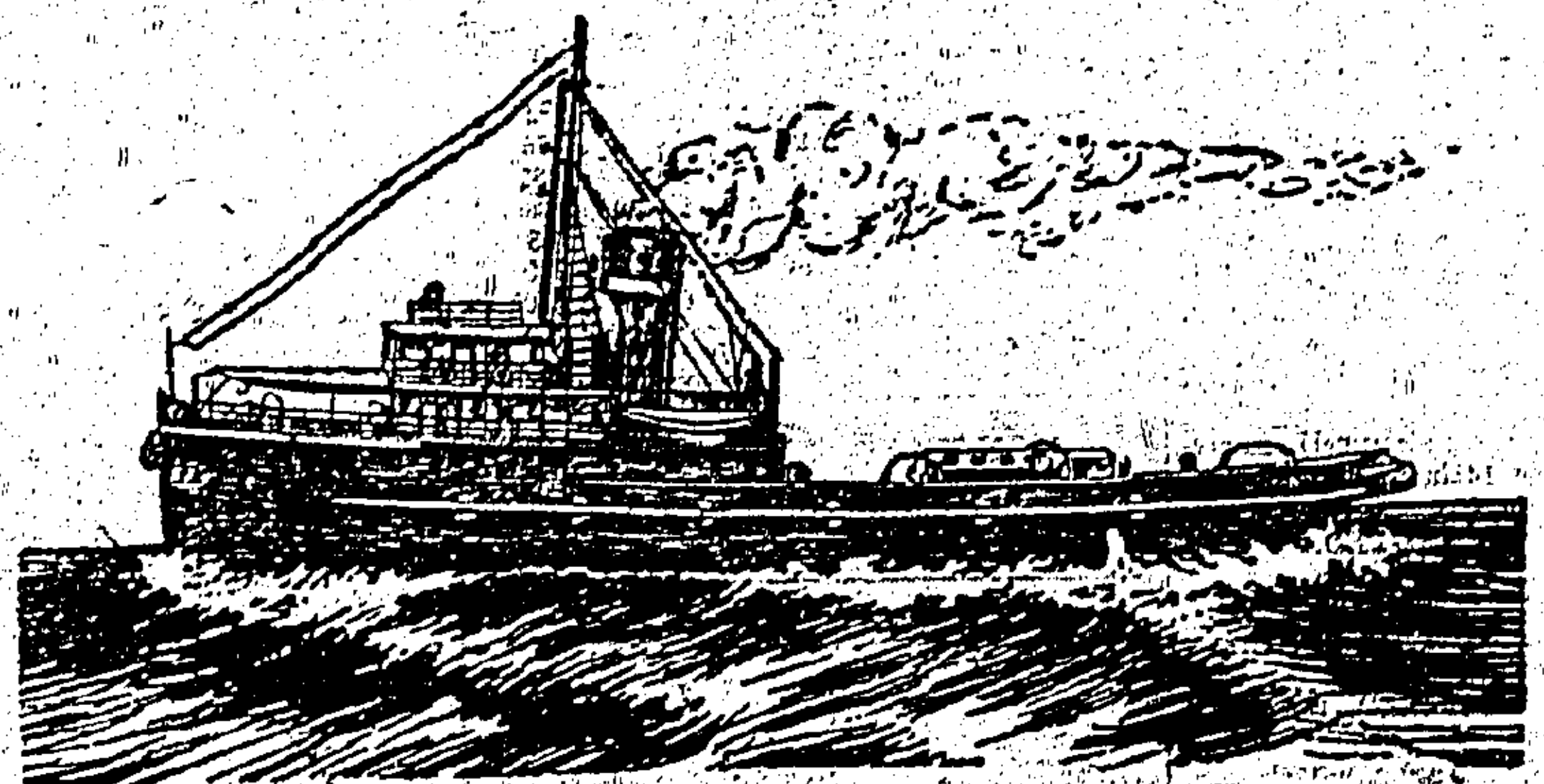
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"BOUDAN"	8,566	9th Feb.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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"SICILIA"	6,513	28th March	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"CHINA"	9,014	5th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"BOUDAN"	8,566	19th April	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,118	26th April	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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"KARNATA"	8,068	17th May	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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"NEILORE"	6,883	6th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"CHINA"	7,932	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	13th Mar.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,118	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,960	4th Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,686	8th Apr.	Shanghai.
"KHYA"	2,097	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"DEUTA"	5,037	2nd May.	do.
"EASTERN"	4,000	3rd May.	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	16th May.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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